

RMD Weekly

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ROCKY MOUNTAIN HARMONY COLLEGE DELIVERS!

We had an unusually low registration turnout for Rocky Mountain Harmony College, but for those who attended, it was a blast! Kudos to Dr. Dan Clark (RMD VP Music and Performance) and Kevin Pape (RM-HC assistant director) for an outstanding event.

The weather was nippy with a LOT of wind, but skies were clear and so were the roads. After a great opening general session where **Antique Gold** and Anthony Pennington taught us "Caroline", we were dismissed to various classes and singing opportunities like "BarberPole University". There were 6 quartets signed up for coaching. It just so happened that my quartet was assigned to Charlie Metzger (baritone, **Antique Gold**) that evening, and as three of us were approaching the Wind River Lodge from class, an ambulance and emergency vehicles were parked out front. Our tenor was ahead of us and had encountered Charlie's brother, George Metzger (bass, **Antique Gold**) face down on the pavement after having passed out while running trying to catch his quartet. Being from sea-level (Vancouver) he was affected by the 8500 foot altitude and the cold air. Charlie rode the ambulance with George to the hospital (so their tenor coached us), and fortunately George was released and instructed to rest. George was back in action Saturday afternoon and performed as planned on the Saturday evening show...and you'd never know the condition he was in less than 24 hours earlier.

Aside from the above excitement, everything proceeded as planned. My wife Nancy and I hosted the Annual Beer and Brat Quartet Social where **Gotcha!** and our faculty and our coached quartets enjoyed fellowship and a feast. This is a WONDERFUL opportunity for quartets to fraternize with fellow quartet singers in the District.

All attendees also learned "Lazy River" (taught by **Gotcha!** and Rod Sgrignoli) along with "Caroline" and performed both songs as the "everyman chorus" on the Saturday night show.

The food, the fun, the classes, the coaching...and it all culminated in the Saturday Night Show, with each coached quartet singing a song, the "everyman chorus" singing two songs, and headlined by **Antique Gold** and **Gotcha!** (moderated by the "Doctor of Ceremonies"...Dan Clark). All of the singing was great, but nothing compares to taking in a performance by a gold medal quartet (or TWO) up close and personal. Both quartets delivered outstanding barbershop entertainment, alone worth the trip to Estes.

Follow that with an afterglow at a most accommodating location (convenient access, private spacious room, stage with sound system, drinks and munchies) and performances by a couple Sweet Adeline quartets in addition to the coached quartets and headliners.

So, NEXT YEAR...another pair of gold medal quartets: **RealTime** (2005 champs) and **Vocal Spectrum** (2006 champs). Why would ANY BARBERSHOPPER miss this?

100% CLUB...WILL YOUR CHAPTER PARTICIPATE IN 2007?

If a member of your chapter brings in 1 new member, he gets at 20% reduction in his Society and District dues (2=40%, 3=60%, 4=80%, 5=100%). Your chapter may extend the same offer (reduced chapter dues) or not. If your chapter does NOT want to participate in the 100% Club in 2007, please notify me (TonyChiro@juno.com) immediately. This is a great opportunity to promote membership growth!

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